

# ENING STAR.

*Indication Making Verses.*

We have received a very indignant letter from an American correspondent, who states that in his opinion poets have no right to compose verses which will not tend itself to paraphrase. He has been trying, he says, all the morning (and with his coat off) to fit the Laureate's Balakava Poem to the subject of the advance of the grand army of the Potomac, and in a perfect fury he dashes his pen, exclaims, "all that he has been able to make of it."

THE VALLEY OF MUD.

Within the six hundred thousand,

All of them awfully

Splashing their trowsers,

Officers on the right of them,

Officers on the left of them,

Officers on the middle of them,

Bull-dogged and the bunched;

For 16 that Virginia stuck,

Struck each hero stuck;

And all at McClellan's pink;

Gloriously wondered;

In they went; on they went;

Fat sides and thin bones,

Till they sunk over shoes;

And indeed over their brains bones.

Here our correspondentsicks—London Punch.

THE UNION RAMS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.—A correspondent of the Chicago Telegraph, who is with the fleet at Fort Pillow, thus describes the steamer rams in any naval fight that may come off:—Let the reader imagine a fleet of small-sized steamers, such as are commonly used for ferry-boats, scows and coal boats, with their high pilot-houses cut down and low iron ones substituted, the space usually occupied by the cabin or saloon lopped up, or filled with iron plates, and the deck covered with iron and steel girders covered on the outside and loaded within with iron, and he has the Union rams. The names of the rams are as follows:—Lancaster, No. 3—the only side wheeler in the fleet; Lioness, Fulton, Sampson, Hornet and Minotaur. They were built, I am informed, by private contractors, to be fitted by the Government, to be used if effective, by parties in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. They were provided with an armament of Parrott guns, and mounted with the usual number of deck hands, and a complement of sharpshooters. I believe it is not claimed that the rams are to be serviceable as men-of-war gunboats, but merely as skirmishers and cutters. They are built of wood, our cavalry and skirmishing, floating batteries, while they pour their deadly volleys into the enemy; and should the latter attempt the same task they played upon us on the 10th of the present month, and played so successfully, they are to run out, join issue with the Rebel rams, and either sink them or be themselves sunk in the encounter.

IT seems that the State of Indiana has been made the victim of an abominable fraud, which was perpetrated by the agent of that State in New York, leagued with a wealthy banker and a Wall street broker. The fraud consisted in the issuing of scripions 5 percent State bonds, to the amount of \$1,200,000, about \$700,000 of which have been voluntarily redeemed since the discovery of the swindle, leaving half a million outstanding.

The Gen. Butler has the faculty of using the language at the right time. During the recent interview with Mayor Monroe the latter remarked that "the Gen. Butler" had always been a friend of the South." The General here interposed with him with the following rebuke:—Stop, sir; let me set you right on that point at once. I always set a friend to Southern rights, and a friend to Southern wrongs."

A man in the office of V. J. Vining has been indicted in stealing letters. No less than 620 unopened were found at his lodgings. He was allowed to turn them up, lest the smoke and smell should attract attention. Among the correspondence cleared up by the discovery of these nestling letters is one involving the inheritance of three orphans in Fulton, the guilty carrier, had been arrested in this work over two years.

IT is a common saying among some of the best milking ewe-lamb estates. She conducted him to a far corner, where a very young person was drawing sustenance from the maternal fount, and pointing to the ewe, said that was one of the most perfect arrangements for milking ever invented.

IT Accounts from the Lake Superior copper country give the effect that the mining interests promise well. The only drawback is the scarcity of laborers, of whom very many have enlisted in the army.

IT Two hundred thousand dollars have been appropriated by the Virginia Legislature to remove the "women, children and decrepit per-

sons resident at the seat of government" to a place of safety.

IT The Lewiston (Me.) Journal says that several of the mills in that place are using India cotton to weave the Lincoln cloth almost exclusively. By changing the India, it is deemed more practicable to use this short staple.

IT A western paper says:—"It is only twenty-one years since the first log cabin was erected in Washington, Iowa, and now it contains 10,000 inhabitants." A large cabin!

IT The Sheriff at Leavenworth, Kansas, avers that he has "some jawboned horses" in his possession which the owners can have by paying property.

NOTICE.

THE Corresponding Publishers existing under the name and style of A. SHINN, & CO., are dissolved by mutual consent. All claims against the late firm will be settled by R. A. SHINN. Those connected with the late firm are requested to make payment to him.

W. W. SHINN,  
George Town, D. C., May 1st, 1862.

NOTICE.—The undersigned will continue the printing and Agency business at the Old Market, and hopes to merit the continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon the late firm.

R. A. SHINN.

IT Miss L. G. ARTHUR, Fashionable Dress Maker, respectfully informs the ladies of Washington, that she has opened a dress making establishment No. 418 on 14th Street, between G. and H. Streets, in the central district, principally and in the latest styles of fashion. Cutting and fitting done, and patterns sold.

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